



National Park Service  
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Thomas Stone  
National Historic Site

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**Superintendent's Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other  
Restrictions Imposed Under  
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Thomas Stone National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1 and Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in italicized print.

### **36 CFR § 1.4 DEFINITIONS**

The definition of *unmanned aircraft* means a device that is used or intended to be used in flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g., model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

### **36 CFR §1.5 – CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

#### **Areas**

- The Historic Mansion, Visitor Center, entrance road, and parking lot are open to the public between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm Wednesday-Sunday.
- Pedestrian access into the park is permitted daily ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset unless otherwise posted.

*Established visiting hours are necessary for visitor safety and resource protection.*

#### **Roads**

- The maintenance access road is closed to public vehicular traffic.

*The maintenance road is narrow with sharp turns and limited site distance and is not suitable for vehicular use levels associated with public access.*

#### **Camping**

- Camping is prohibited in the park except for NPS staff, volunteers or partners who have permission from the Superintendent to do so and service organizations, as provided in a special use permit

*The park does not have infrastructure to support overnight stays by the public.*

#### Swimming

- Swimming, wading, bathing, snorkeling and diving are prohibited in the park.

*Swimming, wading, bathing, snorkeling and diving could accelerate soil and slope erosion and damage shoreline vegetation. See also 36 CFR §§ 3.16 & 3.18.*

#### Unmanned Aircraft:

- The launching, landing, or operating of unmanned aircraft (e.g. model airplanes, quad copters, drones) from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Thomas Stone National Historic Site is prohibited, except as approved in writing by the Superintendent.

*The use of unmanned aircraft may negatively impact public safety, natural or cultural resources and could conflict with visitor use activities.*

**(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:**

#### Motor Vehicles:

A motor vehicle engine cannot operate for more than 5 consecutive minutes when the vehicle is not in motion, except as follows:

- When the vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control
- When it is necessary to operate heating and cooling or auxiliary equipment installed on the vehicle.
- To bring the vehicle to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature; or
- When it is necessary to accomplish the intended use of the vehicle

*These condition are based on Maryland Transportation Code § 22-402(c)(3) and a determination that idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes and noise to the park environment and diminishes enjoyment by visitors. The Ranger on duty may designate an area appropriate for idling under the above conditions.*

#### Picnicking:

- Picnicking is prohibited in all public areas that would impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- See also 36 CFR § 2.11.

*Picnicking in certain areas could pose a hazard to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic or impede park operations.*

**(a)(3) The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under §§(a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:**

- The regulation prohibiting fishing in the farm pond is terminated due to conditions under 36 CFR § 2.3 (c).



### **36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

- Specimen Collecting 2.5 (a)
- Special Events 2.50(a)
- Agricultural 2.60(b)
- Memorialization 2.62(b)
- Business Operations 5.3
- Commercial Filming and Photography 5.5
- Demonstrations\* 2.51(b)
- Sale & Distribution of Printed Matter\* 2.52(b)

\*May require a permit depending on the scope of the activity.

*Permits will be specific in nature to the activity being permitted. A permit or letter of authorization must be in the permittee's possession at all times and exhibited to any authorized person upon request.*

### **36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

- Under 36 CFR § 2.2(e), viewing of wildlife by means of artificial light is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING**

(a) Fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of Maryland:

- A Maryland fishing license is required to fish in the stock pond
- See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

(a) The superintendent may issue permits for the collection of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks and minerals for research purposes according to general and park-specific conditions established by the National Park Service for scientific research and collection permits. These conditions are found online at <http://science.nature.nps.gov/research> and are subject to revision. The guidelines found at that website are hereby adopted and made part of these orders.

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE**

(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:

- Camping is prohibited in the park except for NPS staff, volunteers or partners who have permission from the Superintendent to do so and service organizations, as provided in a special use permit
- See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

- Picnicking by groups of more than 25 people may be considered an event and may require a Special Use Permit unless done in the park's picnic area.

*Large groups present potential problems with litter, parking, resource damage and interference with park operations. For these reasons, group events will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*

- "Holding" or unofficially reserving tables in the picnic area for other individuals is prohibited.

*Picnic tables are first-come, first-served, except for the pavilion which may be reserved.*

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

**(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

- Fires are permitted only in grills provided for special events
- Fires must be monitored at all times
- During periods of high fire danger, the Superintendent may close all or a portion of the park to the lighting and maintaining of fires

**(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

- Fires must be extinguished with water and ashes left in place
- Ashes cannot be dumped in trash receptacles or on the ground.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) Dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited in the following areas:**

- All park buildings
- Cemetery
- These restrictions do not apply to service animals or livestock.

*Pet behavior interferes with the quiet nature of the park and can scare wildlife and park farm animals.*

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet owners must pick up and dispose of pet excrement in trash receptacles.

*Pet excrement has an undesirable smell and is unsightly. The smell of pets and their excrement has been shown to alter natural wildlife behavior.*

### **36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

**(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited outside of the following trails, routes or areas designated for their use:**

- Access to the Visitor Center and Mansion House is permitted via the entrance road, service road, and the trail from the Hoghole Run utility corridor via the Tenant House (see attached map).

**(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals are as follows:**

- Stock trailers must be parked in the Visitor Center parking lot unless otherwise directed by a park employee.



- All manure must be picked up from parking lots and roadways and either removed from the park or disposed of at least 50 feet away from developed areas or water sources.

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

#### **(a) Smoking is prohibited:**

- In all buildings and structures
- Within 25 feet of the entrance to all public buildings
- Within 25 feet of heating/cooling units of all public buildings

*Smoking is prohibited in the above areas to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.*

### **36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

#### **(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, except under the following conditions:**

- Property may not be left unattended longer than 24 hours unless specific permission is given by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed is prohibited as noted herein. The alcohol prohibition includes all park areas within the park boundary.**

*The park was established and is maintained to preserve and protect the resources of the park which serve as a living memorial to Thomas Stone. The park is closed to alcohol consumption to protect the visitor experience in regard to the park's purpose.*

### **36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS**

**(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). However, there are exceptions and, even when not required, a permit is recommended or in order to assure space will be available at a particular designated location. Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed at designated locations when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.**

#### **(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:**

- An area in the mowed field across from the Visitor Center. A map showing the location is attached to this document and is available on the park's website.

**36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

(c)(4) The following locations are designated as available for the sale and distribution of non-commercial printed matter when a permit has been issued by the superintendent.

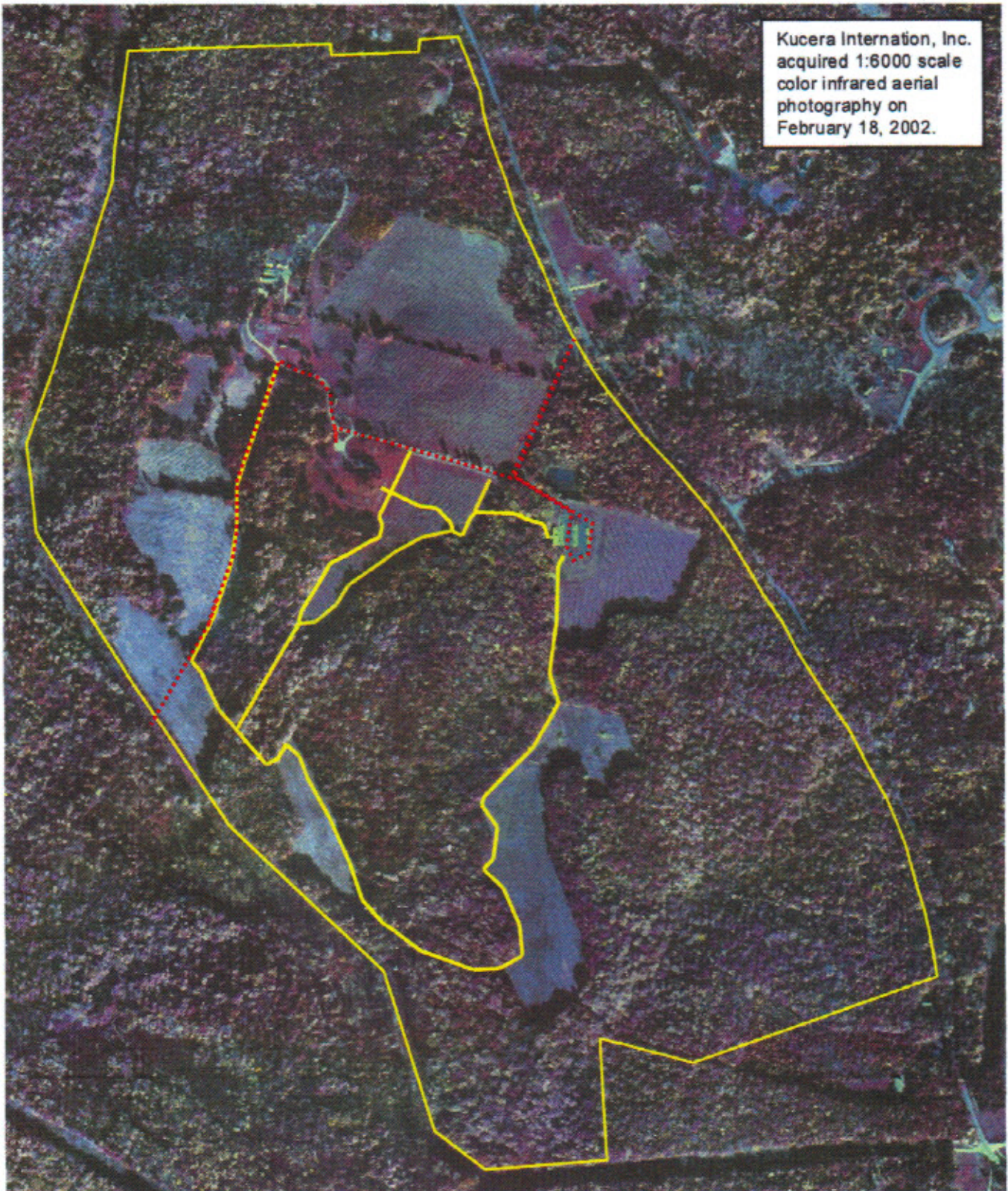
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


Designated Horse and Pack  
Animal Route



Kucera Internation, Inc.  
acquired 1:6000 scale  
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 Park Boundary

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Miles  
Projection UTM Zone 18, Datum NAD83



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## Public Assembly Area

